Critical Access Hospital Profile
Spotlight on: Northwood, North Dakota

Northwood Deaconess Health Center

Quick Facts
Administrator: Pete Antonson
Chief of Medical Staff: Dr. Jon Berg
Board Chair: Robert Filson
City Population: 918 (2014 estimate)
County Population: 70,138 (2014 estimate)
County Median Household Income: $46,745 (2013 estimate)
County Median Age: 29.5 years (2013 estimate)
Service Area Population: 9,380 (625 square miles)
Owned by: Nonprofit
Hospital Beds: 12
Skilled Nursing Facility Beds: 56
Trauma Level: V
Critical Access Hospital Designation: 2001

Economic Impact on the Community*
Jobs:
Primary – 185
Secondary – 92
Total – 277

Financial Impact:
Primary – $5.6 million
Secondary – $2.8 million
Total – $8.4 million

* The impact of jobs and expenditures generated by the hospital within the community was estimated using payroll information and an economic multiplier of 1.5.

Mission
The mission of Northwood Deaconess Health Center is to: serve as local access to a full range of health care services; continue as a leader in primary care for the whole family, in care of the elderly and in emergency services; and to function as a focal point for community health, education, and wellness. Northwood Deaconess Health Center provides this in a Christian environment respecting the dignity of all.

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Northwood Deaconess Health Center (NDHC), located in Northwood, North Dakota, provides a full range of health care services. NDHC operates a 12 bed acute care hospital, a 56 bed skilled nursing facility (including a unit specializing in dementia care), and provides a full range of laboratory and x-ray services, physical rehabilitation and occupation therapy, and ambulance services. With more than 185 employees and a payroll of $5.6 million (2014), NDHC is the Northwood area’s largest employer and is proud to be one of the “pioneers” of health care in the state of North Dakota.

Services
Northwood Deaconess Health Center provides the following services directly:

- Acute Care
- Swing Bed
- Emergency Services
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Social Services
- Dietary
- Dexiscan
- Radiology
- Cardiac Rehab
- IV Therapy
- Laboratory
- Health Information
- Diabetes Education
- Home Health Care
- Fitness Gym
- Skilled Nursing Facility
- Assisted Living
- Rural Health Clinics in 3 locations
Staffing

Physicians: ...................... 1
Nurse Practitioners: .............. 4
PAs: ................................ 0
RN: .................................. 25
LPNs: ................................ 17
Total Employees: .............. 185

Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

• Alerus Financial
• Blue Cross Blue Shield
• Center for Rural Health
- SHIP Grant (Small Hospital Improvement Program)
- Flex Grant (Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program)
• Community Foundation
• Dakota Medical Foundation
• Myra Foundation
• Nellie J. Svee Foundation
• Nodak Electric Trust
• Otto Bremer Foundation
• Pederson Brothers Foundation

Sources

1 - US Census Bureau; American Factfinder, Community Facts

List of Services

Northwood Deaconess Health Center provides the following services through contract or agreement:

- Speech and Hearing Services
- Optometrist Services
- Life Alert System
- Nuclear Medicine (MRI, CT, Ultrasound)
- Mental Health Services
- Pharmacy

North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals

North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals

- Dickinson
- Jamestown
- Northwood

History

Established in 1902, Northwood Deaconess Health Center is the oldest nursing home in the state and is owned by 12 Lutheran churches. The Center employs 185 and has an annual budget of over $10 million. Services offered by Northwood Deaconess Health Center include a 48-bed nursing home, eight bed special care unit, 12 bed hospital, ten independent living apartments, ambulance, rehab department, emergency room, diabetic education, fitness center, and emergency room. Other services in the facility offered by different providers include a medical clinic, optometrist, chiropractor, and massage therapy.

Recreation

Northwood is located in eastern North Dakota. The economic base of this community is agriculture. The Northwood school system offers comprehensive programs for students K-12. The nearest university is 25 miles away. A medical university and a vocational training school are within approximately 45 miles, and three colleges or universities are within 90 miles. City parks offer a variety of facilities and activities such as swimming, softball diamonds, tennis courts, along with skating and hockey in the winter. There is a nine-hole golf course just three miles from town. Camping, fishing and swimming are available at nearby Golden Lake. Northwood offers the opportunity to live in the quiet of a rural setting and yet have the amenities of a large town and university setting nearby.

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